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(Continued.) "The bandle or massar. The soldiers thick he is hidden in a grotto under these cliffs!"

As he spoke Almeric ran down the steps with a shotgun in his hand and made for the steps leading down the face of the cliff. Pike turned to Ethel. "I saw that fellow on the road here. What's he meant for?"

Ethel turned angrily from the lawer and called sharply to her flance: St. Aubyn turned and stopped.

"Hello!" he said. "I wish to present my guardian to ou," and turned to Pike as Almeric

approached. "This is Mr. St. Aubyn," she said steadily. Almeric stared at Pike through his monocle and laughed.

"Why, it's the donkey man, isn't it? How very odd! You'll have to see the governor and our solicitor about that settlement, though. I've some important business here. The police are chasing a bally convict chap under the cliff yonder, so you'll have to excuse me. You know there's nothing like a little convict shooting to break the

He turned and rushed off down the

promoters and other citizens to bear upon the case. Horace in the meanwhile had walked

along the cliff, wrestling with the situ ation as it appeared to him. There was not the faintest doubt in his mind that the noble earl would break off the match because of the humiliation his equally noble family had been sublected to by the incursion of this vulgar guardian.

Hot and tired, be returned to the hotel with some of his anguish worked off and sought his sister. She, however, was locked up in her own room and would only insist that he go away. So it was from Lady Creech at last that he gleaned some inkling of what had occurred.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when he made up his mind to search out Pike and "have it out with the beggar," as he put it, and he found the obstacle in the entrance garden. As Horace came upon the scene Pike was pounding cheerfully with a hammer upon a bolthead of the motor car.

He was in his shirt sleeves and wore a long workman's smock close buttoned at the neck. From between his teeth came the unfamiliar strains of "The Blue and the Gray." With a



THE CARABINIERI BEG THAT YOU WILL ORDER THE CHAUFFEUR TO STEP FORTH FROM THE MACHINE.

stairway. Pike turned to look after revulsion of feeling Horace approached him in mute astonishment and then turned to Ethel. She refused to meet his glance, and the hot blood rose to her face as she felt his scrutiny.

She tapped nervously with her foot, and the astonishment grew in Daniel's ace. He looked from her to where Almeric had disappeared and back to her again. Then he took a step forward as if to speak and stopped. Finally the dawning horror in his face took concrete form, and he spoke.

"That!" he groaned. "Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for that! Say, how much do they charge for a real man over here anyway.?" But she was unable to meet his eve Turning quickly, with her cheeks flaming with shame and anger, she rushed into the hotel and left him standing speechless on the spot.

CHAPTER XI.

A CLASH OF WILLS. T required some minutes for Daniel Voorhees Pike to get over the amazement that possessed him when Ethel fled from him in such

evident confusion. His usually alert mind seemed inca pable of concerted effort in the proper direction, and the dazed look on his face remained there until Mariano came to tell him that his rooms were ready and that Herr von Grollerhagen was awaiting him. Then for the first time he awoke, and, with a sigh of resgnation as he realized the battle he had before him, he gave a curt order that the automobile, which had broken down on the road to the hotel, should be placed in the entrance garden, for he proposed to do some tinkering upon

"If that don't beat"- he muttered to himself and then allowed the remark to remain unfinished, for he could not imagine one thing that the incident could be supposed to have beaten. It stood alone in a little hollow square by itself and positively re- way over here?" fused to surrender to any comparison

"And that-that-nine cent imitation of a man," he growled at last—"that You are trying to interfere between us upon the - the - genus omo!" he finished, with a flash of on Horace excitedly. ide. Then he went off to his rooms ind tried to adjust himself to the matter as he saw it and incidentally to bring some that astute legal train-ing gleaned from contact with farmers,

"Mr. Pike!" he said politely. "One lies down at Appomattox," went on the song, and Horace stamped

impatiently upon the turf. "Mr. Pike! Mr. Pike! I wish a word with you!" Horace went on, quite angrily. Pike looked up mildly and regarded Horace with interest. "Eh?" he said and moved to the other side of the machine, rubbing his lean chin with the bandle of a monkey

wrench. "I wished to say that the surprise of this morning so upset me that I went for a long walk. I have just returned," sald Horace.

He waited expectantly, but Mr. Pike went on abstractedly, "One wore clothes of gray," and seemed to be absorbed in his work, so that Horace was forced to go on.

"I have been even more upset by what I have just learned." "Why, that's too bad," answered Pike, fishing for a nut in the bottom of the tonneau.

"It is too bad-absurdly-monstrous ly bad! Lady Creech tells me that my sister did you the honor to present you to the family with which we are forming an alliance-at least to a por-

"Yes, sir," answered Pike, "and promised to present me to the whole possetucky of 'em"-

"I'll not listen to you!" cried Horace in a rage. "And I warn you that we shall act without paying the slightest attention to you!"

Pike straightened up a trifle.

"Your sister kind of hinted in her letter that you think a good deal of this French lady-the widow. I suppose you have made up your mind to take her for richer or poorer, eh? Now, what's she going to give you?" Horace stopped short in horrified

"Why, I thought you'd charge her something-just a little. Ain't that the

"It seems impossible for you to understand our motives in trying to lift ourselves above the common herd. and the fine flower of Europe," went Pike straightened up and looked him

(To be Continued.) JOHN M. DONNELLY.

PRUSTS THAT THREATEN WAR Miss Ida M. Tarbell, writing in the June American Magazine on the Tariff June American Magazine on the Tariff question, takes occasion to call attention to the ever-increasing monster United Shoe Machinery Company which threatens to become one of the greatest trusts in the world. It already practically controls the linen thread industry of the country, and threatens to absorb all the Shoe Manufacturers. There is just one force to hinder the final absorption of the shoe business, says Miss Tarbell. She continues:

cious a maw and as brutal a strength as any the country has produced, on the trail of the shoe that is the Beef

Trust.

"Nearly twenty years ago when the amiable Mr. McKinley was disposed to give a duty on hides Mr. Blaine wrote him an emphatic letter in which he said. 'It will yield a profit to the butcher (Beef Trust) only, the last man that needs it,' Mr. Blaine prevented the duty then—but Mr. Dingley gave it, and certainly the beef trust nas profited as much as the shoe has suffered.

"But while the cost of the leather "But while the cost of the leather

has been steadily increasing under the duty on hides, there has been going on in the Beef Trust the inevitable comin the Beer Trust the inevitable com-bination which special palvileges al-ways breed. Buying practically all the cattle on the hoof, the packers owned all the hides. Hides go to tan-ners to be prepared for sole leather. It has always been a prosperous and widely exceed business in the country. widely spread business in the country. But the dream of the Beef Trust is to allow nobody to do anything directly or indirectly connected with the steer which it can do. It owned the hides; why should it not tan them? promptly it began to 'acquire' tanner-ies. There is no space here to go in-to the history of the steady absorption by the packers of this great American industry which has been going on in the last few years. It is the familiar tale; all that is essential here is the fact that today the united packers, Armour, Swift and Morris control fully thirty of the largest tanneries in the country. There is no well-informed and candid person in the leather or shoe trade who does not say that it is inevitable that the packers should soon

own, control and operate the entire leather business of the country. leather business of the country.

"And the next step? Signs of what it will be are already abroad. Repeated rumors have come that the Armours were going into the shoe business. The alarm that they meant not only to absorb shoe making but harness, belting and other leather manufacturing has sounded!

"In the reports of the recent tarff hearings is a letter from the president of the Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States protesting against the duty on hides. In this letter he writes:

writes:
"The statement that follows may appear to you very far fetened, but it is my confident personal opinion that if the condition which confronts leather manufacturers and the manufac-turers of leather articles continue and turers of leather articles continue and advances with the same strides during the next ten years that it has during the past five, not only will the beef packers control the manufacture of the leather, but they will likewise control by ownership the shoe, harness, belting, and other leather industries."

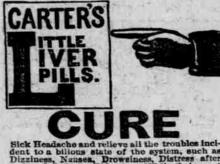
"And this is only one of the several "And this is only one of the several such intimations to be found in the reports. There is nothing surprising in it. That the packers should absorb the manufacturing from leather is quite logical as that they should make leather.

"And what is to be done about "And what is to be done about?
Certainly any special advantage which
these combinations have through the
tariff should be taken away. Hides
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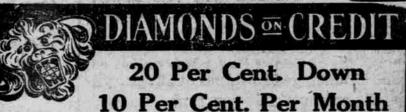
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